

to keep this provision in the final version of the supplemental conference report.

I also want to point out that a humanitarian disaster continues to exist in Liberia, where thousands are without food, shelter, or basic medical care. Even after emergency needs are addressed, Liberia will require substantial amounts of additional assistance, as three-fourths of its citizens are impoverished, the unemployment rate is 85 percent, and seven out of ten of combatants involved in recent fighting in Liberia are child soldiers.

I am worried that the world's attention is focused elsewhere and we will simply forget about the plight of Liberia's people. In the coming weeks, I hope that we can find some money in this supplemental to address these critical needs. Even a tiny percentage of the more than \$87 billion in this bill would save many lives.

REMEMBERING MOTHER TERESA

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, Mother Teresa will soon be beatified by Pope John Paul II in Rome, and I would like to take this opportunity to honor the model that she was for the world by promoting love and respect for all.

We in Congress often get overwhelmed with the amount of work and issues that we are faced with each day, but Mother Teresa put into perspective our mission when she said, "We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean, but the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."

Mother Teresa embodied the ultimate spirit of public service by giving a 100 percent of herself to her constituents: the poor, the hungry, the homeless and, most of all, the unloved. Her determination to make the world a better place has left its mark on history and humanity.

"It is not how much we do, but how much love we put into doing. It is not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving," said Mother Teresa. Let us not forget this valuable wisdom as the world honors Mother Teresa next month.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEWARK LIBERTY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

• Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate Newark Liberty International Airport's 75th Anniversary. On October 1, 1928, the New York metropolitan region's first major airport was built by the great city of Newark on 68 acres of marshland just 16 miles from midtown Manhattan. Soon those 68 acres became the world's busiest commercial airport. The U.S. Army Air Corps operated the Airport during WWII, and in 1948, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey assumed

control of it. The Port Authority has operated this airport ever since.

Today, some 30 million passengers use the airport annually. And international airlines offer direct service to many destinations around the world from Newark Liberty. It is also one of only two truly intermodal air-rail connections in the country. Passengers can take a train from any city on the Northeast corridor and transfer at the airport for a flight. In some cases, they can even book the entire air/rail trip all at once. This should serve as a shining example of how our national transportation system can work.

Over 24,000 people are employed at the Newark Liberty International Airport. The airport contributes \$11.3 billion in economic activity to the New York/New Jersey metropolitan region, including \$3.3 billion in wages for some 110,000 jobs resulting from airport activity. In addition, the original 68 acres of marshland has grown to more than 2,000 acres.

Newark Liberty International Airport's 75th birthday deserves more than just a brief nod. As a former Port Authority Commissioner, I am pleased to point out that the airport has been a leader in aviation technology. Newark, for instance, was the site of our great Nation's first air traffic control tower. The very same airport had the first paved runway, the first runway with lighting, which permitted nighttime operations, and the Nation's first airport weather station.

So, today I congratulate the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Chairman Anthony Coscia, Executive Director Joseph Seymour, Mayor of Newark Sharpe James, Aviation Director Bill DeCota, Airport General Manager Susan Baer, her staff, and all others who have made Newark Liberty International Airport the world class facility it is today, and I look forward to celebrating 75 more years of safe, efficient operations.●

REMEMBERING RED PURSLEY

• Mr. MILLER. Mr. President, I rise today to note with deep regret the passing of a true American hero, entrepreneur, and fellow serviceman, Lewis "Red" Pursley.

Red Pursley's journey through life came to a quiet and peaceful end on September 30, 2003, at a hospice facility near his home in Douglasville, GA. A veteran of World War II and of the battlefields of corporate commerce, as well as a loving father and pillar of his local community, Mr. Pursley embodied the virtues that define the term American citizen.

As a young man in Clover, SC, Red Pursley heeded his country's call when he was needed most, like so many others of what history would later call the "greatest generation." Entering into active service in late 1942, Mr. Pursley and his comrades knew the dangerous nature of their duty, but attacked it with the confidence that their services

were necessary to the allied effort and conducted in the name of a righteous cause.

A flight engineer and top turret gunner on a B-17 bomber crew based in England with the 8th Army Air Corps, Sergeant Pursley and the other 9 members of his crew flew 14 successful missions over Northern Europe before being shot down while on a mission over Frankfurt on January 29, 1944. Of the 10 crewmembers onboard, four died in the air and two escaped capture, but Sergeant Pursley and three others were taken prisoner by the Germans.

For the next 16 months, Sergeant Pursley, along with thousands of his fellow servicemen, endured long marches, malnutrition, and despair in a number of Nazi prison camps, before he was liberated on May 6, 1945, just four days shy of the end of the European Campaign. Though his health suffered throughout the heroing ordeal, Sergeant Pursley's sense of pride in his service and faith in his cause never wavered.

For his service, Mr. Pursley earned numerous decorations including the Silver Star and the Purple Heart. Upon his return from Europe and separation from the Army Air Corps, Mr. Pursley moved to Georgia and, in 1957, started Redrock Carpet, a commercial carpet company that he has run ever since with his son. Mr. Pursley excelled as a businessman and the products that he manufactured have been used to carpet such notable locales as Air Force One and the private residence quarters in the White House.

Red Pursley was a man we all should admire, as it was efforts of men like him that helped forge our present greatness. He took an active part in the last half century as a soldier and a citizen, as a community leader and a businessman, and as a living link to our past. His distinguished career, both in the service of his country and in the private sector, is a demonstration of the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and patriotism.

Red died on the morning of September 30, 2003, at the age of 82 after succumbing to a long bout with cancer. He leaves behind his loving wife and partner of nearly 61 years, Catherine Robinson Pursley, two children, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Red also leaves behind an indelible mark on his Douglasville, GA community and on the lives of all of those that he touched. He will be missed, but as long as the legacy of the greatest generation lives on, so too will he.●

MID-MISSOURI ENERGY

• Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate the upcoming groundbreaking on Saturday, October 4, 2003, for construction of Missouri's third farmer-owned ethanol plant, Mid-Missouri Energy Ethanol Plant, which will be located in Malta Bend, MO.

Mid-Missouri Energy, the farmer-owned cooperative that is building the